

Pacific Highway Pavement Grinding Trial at Valla

Roads and Maritime Services will soon begin a pavement grinding trial on sections of the Pacific Highway in the Valla area.

The trial is a detailed investigation of pavement grinding, which has been shown to reduce road surface noise under certain conditions.

The trial will start on 18th June and will be done on two separate sections of the Pacific Highway near Valla Beach, totalling about six kilometres. The northern section extends from the low noise pavement near Valla Beach to the twin bridges at McGraths Creek. The southern section runs from Cow Creek Bridge to the southern end of the low noise pavement near Valla Beach.

The trial includes grinding the pavement using special blades which cut grooves into the concrete surface.

Road side noise measurements and a community survey will form part of the trial.

The noise measurements will be taken by an independent consultant before and after the grinding to see if the treatment makes a noticeable difference in tyre noise.

A two-part community survey will also be carried out to determine whether residents notice a difference in noise before and after the road surface has been treated. It will be targeted at residents in the area of the grinding trial. Other members of the community can complete the survey online, which is available here:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/northern-nsw/nambucca-heads-to-urunga/>

The grinding work is expected to take 12 weeks, weather permitting. There will be some restrictions on the Pacific Highway while the trial is being conducted and we appreciate your ongoing patience while this work is carried out.

We will report back to the community the outcomes of the trial.

Further information on the trial, including frequently asked questions, available on the project website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/pacific.

You can contact the project team on pacific.highway@rms.nsw.gov.au or by phoning 1800 653 092.